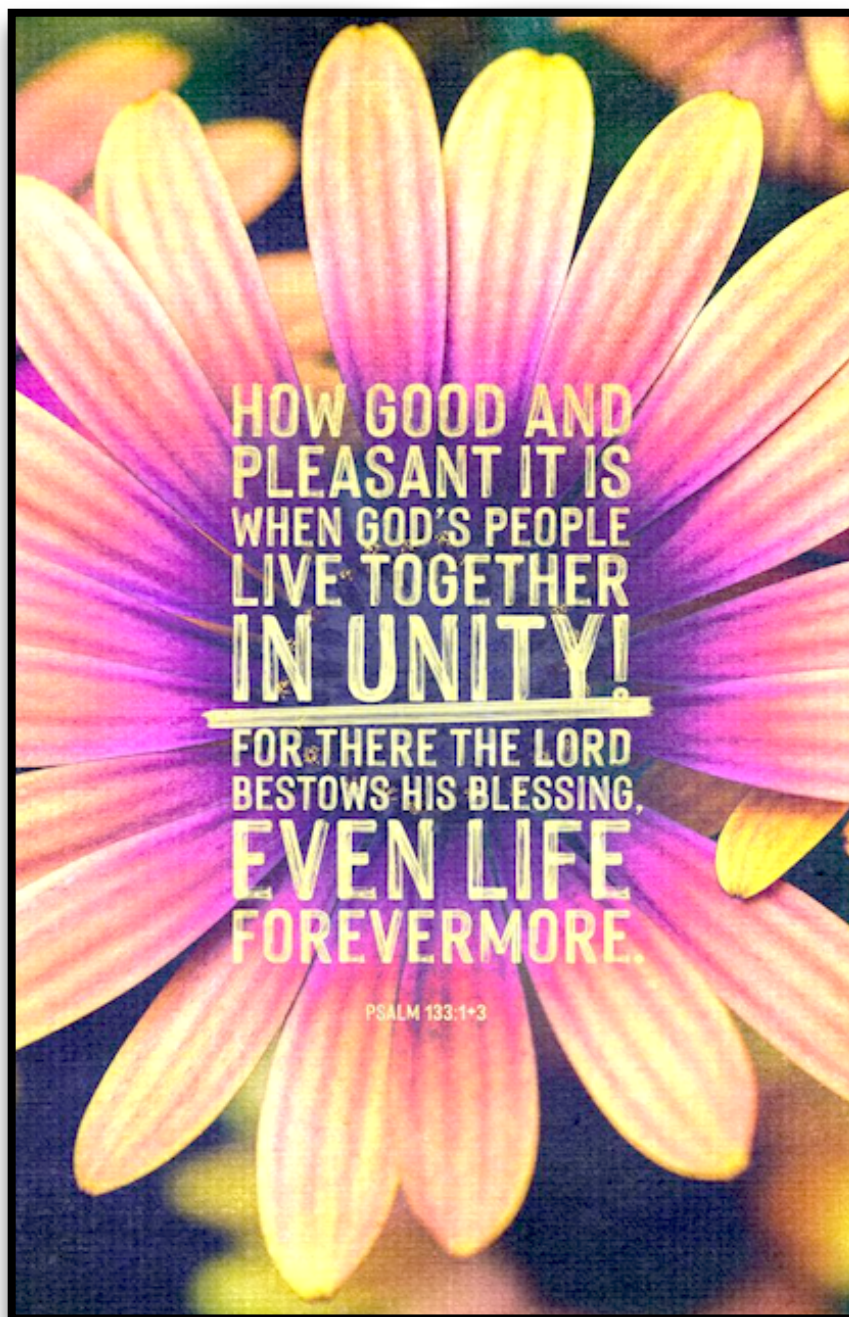


St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

– Church of the Lutheran Confession –
Lakewood, Colorado



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Order of Worship: Service of the Word

(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

Serving Us At God’s House Today

Organist: Ruth Greening; Usher: Bob Rankin

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 133 (pew bible, p.552)
- ◆ The Hymns: 648, 412, 647, 923
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 9:1-4, Matthew 4:12-23
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalms 42 and 43
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

Sermon Text – 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

The Lord’s Church is Non-Political

1. Its beauty is seen in its like-minded confession of Christ.
2. Its power lies *solely* in its faithful preaching of the cross.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord’s Prayer
- ◆ Benediction / Closing Hymn (919)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Isaiah 9:1-4

1 Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan— 2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. 3 You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder. 4 For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalms 42 & 43

P As the deer pants for streams of water:

C So my soul pants for you, O God.

P My soul thirsts for God, for the living God:

C When can I go and meet with God?

P Why are you downcast, O my soul?:

C Why so disturbed within me?

P Put your hope in God:

C For I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

P Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me:

C Let them bring me to the place where you dwell.

P Then will I go to the altar of God, my joy and my delight:

C I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

Second Lesson – Matthew 4:12-23

12 When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he returned to Galilee. 13 Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— 14 to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: 15 “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, along the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— 16 the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has

dawned.” 17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.” 18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 19 “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” 20 At once they left their nets and followed him. 21 Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, 22 and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. 23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

Sermon Text – 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

10 I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought. 11 My brothers, some from Chloe’s household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. 12 What I mean is this: One of you says, “I follow Paul”; another, “I follow Apollos”; another, “I follow Cephas”; still another, “I follow Christ.” 13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized into the name of Paul? 14 I am thankful that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so no one can say that you were baptized into my name. 16 (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don’t remember if I baptized anyone else.) 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with words of human wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

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A Warm Welcome to Our Worship Guests!

It is our prayer that your faith is strengthened today by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs that our Scripture-based liturgy offers every week. St. Paul is a member of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC). The CLC is represented by congregations throughout the United States and Canada, with affiliated churches in Africa, India, and neighboring nations. All of our churches confess the Bible to be the inspired and unerring Word of God. We invite our Guests to record their visit by signing the Guestbook and to come worship with us again.

This Week at St. Paul

Today (1/22) 8:30 am Church Council Meeting
 9:30 am Worship Service
 10:45 am Sunday School
 10:45 am Mary/Martha Ladies Meeting
Sun (1/29) 9:30 am Worship Service
 10:45 am Sunday School
 10:45 am Annual Voters Meeting

Extended Calendar

- February 5 – Installation of Church Officers
- February 12 – Elders Meeting, 8:30 am

In Our Prayers: Ethel Eastridge who returned from rehab and is now recovering at home from a mild stroke she suffered several weeks ago. <> Naomi and Nicholas Peters who were involved in an auto accident recently. Naomi suffered a broken sternum and is recovering from her injuries at home. Nicholas has recovered for minor injuries he sustained. <> *"Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me"* (Psalm 50:15).

Camp Counselor Opportunity: "The Christ's Explorers Camp (sponsored by Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of West Columbia, SC) announces that the application period for junior counselors is now open! We are looking for 12 students (entering grade 10 or higher for the 2023-24 school year) to help us at Christ's Explorers Camp this summer. The dates for camp are July 20-24, 2023, and it will be held in Sevierville, TN. The camp is held for students entering grades 3-9. The counselor position is a wonderful opportunity for students to gain experience with Christian leadership and mentoring skills, guided by the Christian adult leaders and pastors. Applications are due by Sunday, March 5. Speak with your pastor to receive a copy of the application."

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

January 23-28

Mon John 4:5-14 Jesus, truly human, is waiting by the well, weary from His journey, yet He displays His divine glory as He seeks to bring to a Samaritan woman the water of eternal life. She is amazed that He even speaks to her, but He patiently continues His missionary work with her.

Tues John 4:31-42 As the Samaritan woman (from yesterday's reading) returns to town rejoicing in the knowledge that Jesus is the promised Messiah, the Savior of the world, Jesus sees an even greater harvest beginning. Many Samaritans in that town came out to Jesus because of the woman's testimony and became convinced because of His word.

Wed Romans 1:13-20 The apostle Paul also sees the glory of God revealed in the good news of Jesus, and seeks to bring it to all nations, Jews and non-Jews, Greeks and non-Greeks, and especially to the capital city of the Roman empire. Truly all need this gospel, for knowing the eternal power and divine nature of God, on display since creation, does not dispel His wrath over sin (v18), but Jesus does! He is the "Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations" (TLH657).

Thurs 2 Kings 5:1-5 As Jesus sought to bring blessing to the woman at the well (Jn4), a little Israelite slave girl in a foreign land shows the same spirit in seeking the best for her master, Naaman, who has leprosy. She tells of the Lord's prophet in Israel. Naaman is held in such honor by the king of Syria that he will even send him to Israel with many gifts to seek healing.

Fri 2 Kings 5:6-19 The king of Israel does not have the confidence in the Lord's prophet that the little slave has (v3), but Elisha tells the king to send Naaman to him. Through a servant Naaman is given the message to bathe in the Jordan. This seems too simple to Naaman, but when he finally follows the prophet's word, he is healed, and sees that it is not the Jordan, but the Lord who heals. Thus he was also healed spiritually.

Sat Psalm 93 The Lord is always robed in majesty and strength, but our poor eyes do not always see it. Still He is "king of creation," mightier than the thunderous floods of waters, that wear down mountains and cut deep valleys on this earth's surface. And when He bends down to help us, we behold His glory.